



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
REP. GRAHAM FILLER
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 8:30 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Filler.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Howell moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 8, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Howell moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 9, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101 before the committee:

HB 6030 (Rep. Albert)

A bill to provide minimum requirements for claims alleging exposure to COVID-19; establishing liability standards for claims alleging exposure to COVID-19; precluding liability if conduct complies with regulations, orders, or public health guidance; and limiting liability with respect to certain products made, sold, or donated in response to COVID-19.

HB 6031 (Rep. Brann)

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," (MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094) by adding section 85.

HB 6032 (Rep. Filler)

A bill to prohibit an employer from taking certain

actions against an employee who does not report to work under certain circumstances related to COVID-19; to prohibit an employee from reporting to work under certain circumstances related to COVID-19; to prohibit discrimination and retaliation for engaging in certain activities; to provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

HB 6101 (Rep. Byrd)

A bill to amend 1974 PA 154, entitled "Michigan occupational safety and health act," (MCL 408.1001 to 408.1094) by adding sections 85 and 85a.

Marla Linderman, representing the Michigan Association for Justice, testified in opposition to HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101.

Dave Greco, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101.

Tim Greimel, representing the AFSCME Council 25, testified in opposition to HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101, but did not wish to speak:

Cary Silverman, representing the American Tort Reform Association.
Rich Farran, representing the Health Care Association of Michigan.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HB 6030, HB 6031, HB 6032 and HB 6101, but did not wish to speak:

Andy Newman, representing the Michigan Education Association.

The Chair laid SB 533 before the committee:

SB 533 (Sen. Lucido)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," by amending section 529 (MCL 750.529), as amended by 2004 PA 128.

Justin Carpenter, from Senator Lucido's office, testified in support of SB 533.

The following people submitted a card in support of SB 533, but did not wish to speak:

Sgt. Nicole McGhee, representing the Michigan State Police.
Brandon Lanyon, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

The Chair laid SB 384 and SB 385 before the committee:

SB 384 (Sen. Geiss)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The Michigan penal code," (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 464b.

SB 385 (Sen. Barrett)

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "The

Michigan penal code," by amending section 465 (MCL 750.465).

Representative LaFave moved to report out SB 384 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to SB 385. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Steven Johnson moved to report out SB 385 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 321 before the committee:

SB 321 (Sen. LaSata)

A bill to amend 2004 PA 177, entitled "Michigan law enforcement officers memorial act," by amending section 5 (MCL 28.785), as amended by 2013 PA 242.

Representative Berman moved to report out SB 321 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 13-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak, LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid SB 420 before the committee:

SB 420 (Sen. Lucido)

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled "Revised

judicature act of 1961," by amending sections 2559, 6002, and 6012 (MCL 600.2559, 600.6002, and 600.6012), section 2559 as amended by 2018 PA 261.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to SB 420, but did not wish to speak:
Tom Boyd, representing the State Court Administrator.

Representative Howell moved to report out SB 420 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 8-0-5:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Filler, LaFave, Farrington, Howell, Steven Johnson, Rendon, Berman, Wozniak.

Nays: None.

Pass: Reps. LaGrand, Guerra, Elder, Yancey, Bolden.

The Chair laid HB 5933 before the committee:

HB 5933 (Rep. Lightner)

A bill to amend 1998 PA 386, entitled "Estates and protected individuals code," by amending section 2505 (MCL 700.2505).

Representative Lightner and Sally Babbitt testified in support of HB 5933. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5933, but did not wish to speak:
Melissa Seifert, representing the AARP.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Filler adjourned the meeting at 9:24 AM.

Representative Graham Filler, Chair

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